

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

-vs-

ARIEL JAMES PENNINGTON,

Defendant.

Case No.

CR 22-022 JD

Violations: 49 U.S.C. § 46504
18 U.S.C. § 111(a)(1)

INDICTMENT

The Federal Grand Jury charges:

COUNT 1

(Interference with Flight Attendant)

On or about December 9, 2021, within the Western District of Oklahoma,

----- **ARIEL JAMES PENNINGTON**, -----

while on an aircraft in flight in the special aircraft jurisdiction of the United States, namely Delta Airlines, Flight #342, traveling from Arlington, Virginia, to Los Angeles, California, did knowingly assault and intimidate F.Y., a flight attendant of the aircraft, thereby interfering with, and lessening the ability of, F.Y. to perform F.Y.'s duties.

All in violation of Title 49, United States Code, Section 46504.

COUNT 2
(Assault on Federal Officer with Physical Contact)

On or about December 9, 2021, within the Western District of Oklahoma,

----- **ARIEL JAMES PENNINGTON**, -----

while on an aircraft in flight in the special aircraft jurisdiction of the United States, namely Delta Airlines, Flight #342, traveling from Arlington, Virginia, to Los Angeles, California, did forcibly assault, resist, impose, impede and intimidate an officer or employee of the United States, namely M.F., a Federal Air Marshal, while M.F. was engaged in the performance of his official duties, and the acts involved physical contact with M.F.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 111(a)(1).

Venue

Venue for this offense lies in the Western District of Oklahoma pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 3237, because the offense involved the use of transportation in interstate commerce and the above-referenced aircraft was diverted to, and did land in, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

A TRUE BILL:



FOREPERSON OF THE GRAND JURY

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